

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1037

By Ford

A RESOLUTION to commend the administration, faculty, staff, students, and parents of Fall Branch Elementary School upon its recognition as a "Most Effective School in 2008" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this body should pause to pay tribute to those educational institutions that, through the natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence evidenced by their administration, faculty, staff, and students, have earned national exposure and accolades; and

WHEREAS, Fall Branch Elementary School in Washington County holds the distinct honor of being selected by the Education Consumers Foundation (ECF) as one of seven Johnson City/Washington County schools to be recognized as a "Most Effective School in 2008" in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the seven schools that made the distinguished list all rank in the top twenty percent of Tennessee schools as measured by the annual math and reading and language achievement gains of their students; and

WHEREAS, Fall Branch Elementary School was ranked a remarkable 6th out of 531 schools; and

WHEREAS, upon analyzing data from the Tennessee Department of Education, ECF, based in Arlington, Virginia, has found that the Johnson City area has a greater concentration of effective schools than virtually any other urban area in the State; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is fortunate to possess the most sophisticated educational accountability system in the country, the Tennessee Value-Added Assessment System (TVAAS), which has rapidly become a national model for school accountability; and

WHEREAS, the TVAAS accurately measures how effectively a given school is advancing the educational progress of its students, regardless of the student's starting level or social and economic advantages or disadvantages; and

WHEREAS, having met the required criteria to be recognized as one of the very best schools in the State, the dedicated educators and professional staff at Fall Branch Elementary School now proudly receive the "Most Effective Schools" certificate; and

WHEREAS under the dynamic leadership of its principal, the faculty, administration, and staff at Fall Branch Elementary School have built an environment and culture at their school which ensure that students have the very best atmosphere for learning; and

WHEREAS, their school's selection as a "Most Effective School in 2008" is a tremendous source of pride for the administration, teachers, students, and parents of the Fall Branch Elementary School community; and

WHEREAS, the dedication to academic excellence demonstrated by all the fine individuals affiliated with Fall Branch Elementary School is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend the administration, faculty, staff, students, and parents of Fall Branch Elementary School on their school being honored as a "Most Effective School in 2008" in Tennessee and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.